Attorney Docket No. 9335-8CT PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re:	Pollard et al.		
Appn No.:	10/685,260	Group Art Unit:	3653
Filed:	October 14, 2003	Examiner:	M. Butler
For:	DEVICE TO COUNT AND DISPENSE ARTICLES		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 2, 2006

Sir:

Applicant provides the following response to the Office Action of March 2, 2006 (the Action).

If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

For the Examiner's convenience, a **Listing of the Claims** is provided, beginning on page 2 below.

Remarks begin on page 6 below.